

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. In addition it is a violation of election laws, one that Sinclair apparently feels it can indulge in without consequences. I would like the FCC to let Sinclair know that the airing of this documentary is seen by the FCC as partisan, illegal and contrary to the spirit of public access television, and to forbid the airing of this program without the airing of a partisan film from the Kerry camp.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This program represents and serves the interests of the Bush campaign and its supporters.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.